

State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
Scope Statement
Pharmacy Examining Board

October, 2010

SUBJECT

Increasing the internship hours required from 1500 hours to 1740 hours - Phar 17.02 (5).
Change student non-academic internship requirements – Phar 17.07 (1) and (2).

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Sections 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 450.02 (3) (d) and (e), Stats.

OBJECTIVE OF THE RULE

To increase the amount of hours of internship needed from 1500 hours to 1740 hours for all classes of internships and to change student non-academic internship requirements.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) approved the following at its 104th meeting in August, 2008: “The applicant demonstrates that at least 1,500 hours, and effective January 1, 2012, at least 1,740 hours, of practical pharmacy experience under the instruction of a licensed pharmacist have been acquired.” Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 (a) (iv). <http://www.nabp.net/ftpfiles/NABP01/ReportCBL07.pdf>.

An undergraduate or postgraduate pharmacy degree from an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) school or college of pharmacy is the basic requirement for applicants to be considered for a credential. Most countries require a four or five year course for a Bachelor’s degree in pharmacy or in science (in pharmacy). In 1990, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) mandated that a doctor of pharmacy degree would be the new first professional degree in the United States beginning with the class of 2001, replacing the Bachelor’s degree. This involves completion of four years at an accredited school or college of pharmacy, including practical experience. Most applicants have completed an undergraduate degree but many are admitted after completing two years of undergraduate pharmacy prerequisites. The required number of hours of required practical experience, or internship, varies by state.

Pharmacy students are allowed to participate in two different kinds of internships to meet the internship requirement; academic and non-academic. Students are not allowed to double count internship hours but can supplement academic internship hours with student non-academic internship hours. This type of internship allows students to practice pharmacy under the direct supervision of a supervising pharmacist. The supervising pharmacist must

be licensed in this state. Direct supervision means immediate, on premises availability to continually coordinate, direct and inspect, at first hand, the practice of another. Students are currently eligible to participate in a non-academic student internship if they have successfully completed their second year of pharmacy school and are enrolled in a professional bachelor's of science degree in pharmacy or doctor of pharmacy degree program in Wisconsin or another state. Changing the requirement to allow for flexibility in the degree of experience the student participating in an internship like this will allow more students to participate and gain practical experience.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE RULE

Pharmacist license applicants, preceptors, pharmacies, pharmacy schools, and the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

SUMMARY AND PRELIMINARY COMPARISON OF EXISTING FEDERAL REGULATION INTENDED TO ADDRESS THE ACTIVITIES TO BE REGULATED BY THE RULE

None.

STAFF TIME REQUIRED

It is estimated that 120 staff hours will be needed to promulgate this rule.